

# Shire of Denmark Minutes



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## DENMARK BUSHFIRE MITIGATION WORKING GROUP HELD IN THE RECEPTION ROOM 953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK THURSDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Presiding Person opened the meeting at 10:04am

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**MEMBERS:

Cr Mark Allen	Deputy Shire President & Presiding Person
Cr Janine Phillips	Denmark Shire Councillor
Nikki Rouse	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Wes Bailye	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Cecil Wells	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Darren Prior	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Kurt Weinert	Western Power
Bart Lebbing	Denmark Environment Centre
Dianne Harwood	Denmark Weed Action Group
Alex Williams	Hazelvale FCO (West Zone)
Lez Baines	Chief Bushfire Control Officer (CBFCO)
Lee Shelley	Denmark Volunteer Fire and Rescue Captain/FCO
Ian Marshall	Wilson Inlet Catchment Committee
Steve Childs	Water Corporation

STAFF:

Scott Medhurst	Community Emergency Services Manager
Melanie Haymont	Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator
Bohdan Davies	Manager Waste and Reserves
Emma Holliday	Acting Manager Community Services
Charmaine Shelley	Senior Ranger

APOLOGIES:

Adrian Kranendonk	Fire Weather Officer (East Zone)
Cr Roger Seeney	Denmark Shire Councillor
Bryce Edwards	Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer (DCBFCO)
Nigel Marsh	Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer (DCBFCO)
Craig Hughes	Carmarthen FCO
Matt Hartfield	OIC Denmark Police

VISITORS:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING**

*Cr Mark Allen commended the last round of works completed and then facilitated everyone introducing themselves around the table.*

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 4.1 Working Group Meeting Minutes

<b>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b>	ITEM 4.1
<b>Moved: Dianne Harwood</b>	<b>Seconded: Lez Baines</b>
That the minutes of the Denmark Bushfire Mitigation Working Group held on the 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.	
Carried: Unanimously	

## 5. REPORTS

Melanie Haymont thanked everyone for attending the meeting and advised the group that the funding had been capped at \$500,000 this year so a lot of the intended works had to be dropped. Melanie also advised that the Royalties for Regions model is no longer available as it has changed to an ESL model.

### 5.1 Civil Works & Cultural Burn

Melanie Explained the culvert project on the heritage rail trail and the cultural burn program that will be facilitated by UWA

### 5.2 Proposed Mitigation Activities

Melanie Haymont presented the attached report.	<a href="#"><u>Refer to Attachment</u></a>
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Question (Dianne Harwood): Are there any future works planned to extend Anning Road through to Crowea Road. *Answer (Mark Allen & Melanie Haymont): This question can't be answered through this forum.*

Treatment ID: 5762 (Melanie Haymont) advised that habitat and environmental surveys have been completed in the area. Melanie also advised that an RFQ Briefing would be carried out for contractors to attend to get an overview of the scope of works. *Dianne Harwood & Bart Lebbing asked if they could be invited to attend this briefing, Action:* Emma Holliday to forward an invitation.

Treatment ID: 5765 McLean Oval Question (Bohdan Davies) Will there be any drainage installed near crossovers. *Answer (Melanie Haymont) Yes we will be installing crossovers where necessary*

Treatment ID: 5800 (Bohdan Davies) advised that illegal dumping is a major issue in this area and that is why it was closed. (Darren Prior) suggested installing a fire gate and a turn around.

Treatments adjoining Mt Hallowell (Melanie Haymont) advised that a habitat tree assessment and a spring assessment will be carried out in this area. (Lez Baines) asked if tracks with turn-arounds in this area could be decreased as the incline is to

hard to travel back up. *Answer (Melanie Haymont) advised that Yes the aim is to have all tracks leading to an exit.*

Treatment ID: 5728 (Steve Childs) Advised that Watercorp may be able to do some maintenance work around the water tank.

Treatment ID: 5732 (Dianne Harwood) advised that there is a large amount of Sydney Golden Wattle in this area that contractors need to be trained in how to remove, so that it is not spread

Treatment ID: 5579 (Dianne Harwood) advised that there is a large amount of weeds at the entrance to Springdale Heights that contractors need to be trained in how to remove, so that it is not spread.

Treatment ID: 5778 (Dianne Harwood) put it to the working group that she objected to any further works being carried out on Alundorra Way due to the west side already having been slashed and full of weeds.

(Melanie Haymont) advised that survey works are currently being carried out on a private property to have a gated fire access road built between Bracknell Crescent and Inlet Drive, Weedon Hill

Treatment ID: 5972 (Bohdan Davies) advised that there are issues with illegal camping, camp fires and rubbish in this area. *Question could a fire gate be installed in this area?*

Question (Alex Williams): Peaceful Bay Sea Rescue, is it possible to do a burn?  
*Answer (Melanie Haymont) the area has been scheduled for a mulching treatment.*

Question (Alex Williams): Are there any mitigation works planned for Tingdale Hall, tennis courts?  
*Answer (Melanie Haymont) No, there currently are no scheduled works for Tingdale Hall.*

### **5.3 UCL / UMR**

Department of Fire & Emergency Services are responsible for fire mitigation works on UCL and UMR land. Mitigation works will consist this year of slashing and weed spraying.

Slashing and weed spraying will also be done on Shire of Denmark Strategic Fire Access Routes.

## **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Western Power Report**

Kurt Weinert reported that they normally see Pole top fires in January. Maintenance works will be starting in December to remove copper wire. There is currently an issue with the cable on Mt Shadforth (Kearsley Road) which will be replaced.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

Date to be advised

**8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Presiding Person closed the meeting at 11:30am

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.)*